MOU between Container Corporation of India Ltd and Ministry of Railways for the year 1997-98

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (Hindi and English versions) between the Container Corporation of India Limited and the Ministry of Railways for the year 1997-98.

[Placed in Library See No. LT. 2061/97]

12.02 hrs.

Committee on Absence of Members From The Sittings of The House

Third Report

[English]

SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU (MADURAI): I beg to present the Third Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House.

12.02 1/2 hrs.

Committee on Subordinate Legislation

Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Reports

[Translation]

JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA (PALI): Sir, I beg to present the Eight, Ninth and Tenth Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the committee on Subordinate Legislation.

12.02 3/4 hrs.

Standing Committee on Transport And Tourism

Twenty-Sixth, Twenty Seventh and Twenty-Eighth Reports

[English]

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA (PONNANI): I beg to lay the Twenty-Sixth, Twenty Seventh and Twenty-Eighth Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Standing Committee on Transport and Tourism on Demands for Grants (1997-98) of the Department of Tourism, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Surface Transport, respectively.

12.03 hrs.

Statement Correcting the Answer to Starred Question No. 422 Dated May 6, 1997 Regarding Bonus to Farmers

[Translations]

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLY, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to be drawn to the reply to the Starred Question number 422 dated 6.5.97 regarding payment of bonus to farmers. The Hindi version of the reply is as follows:

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For the Period between 17th March, 1997 to 10th June 1997 the Government has, besides announcing Rs. 415 per quintal as support price of wheat, has also announced a Central bonus of Rs. 60/- per quintal.

(c) The number of farmers to be benefited would be known offer the end of procurement season.

(d) As on 5.5.1997 the total procurement of wheat was 20.29 lakh tonne. Farmers will get a total of Rs. 963.78 Crore at the rate of Rs. 475/- per quintal of wheat.

(e) Out of 20.29 lakh tonne of wheat, the Food Corporation of India had procured 3.59 lakh tonne. These procurements were made after the issuance of the order regarding bonus on 9.4.1997.

The Corrected Hindi versions of the reply to the said question reads as follows:—

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has announced Central bonus of Rs. 60/-per quintal for the period between 17th March, 1997 to 10th June, 1997 which is in addition to the announcement of Rs. 415/- per quintal as minimum support price ot wheat and which is being provided to farmers alongwith the payment of support price.

(c) All those farmers who sell their wheat to Government agencies at Government rate will be benefited from the announcement of bonus.

(d) The total procurement of wheat was 20.09 lakh tonne on 5.5.1997. Farmers will get about Rs. 1333 Crore at the rate of Rs. 475/- per quintal.

(e) Out of 28.09 lakh tonne of wheat, the Food Corporation of India had procured nearly 5.07, lakh tonne of wheat. All these procurements were made after issuance of the order regarding bonus on 9.4.1997.